

Energy Sector Review and Gas Development Master Plan

Project Summary

Subsector	Oil and Gas
Location	Nationwide
Project Cost	\$950,000
Project Type	Consulting Services
Project Executing Firm/Agency	Ministry of Mines and Industries
Funding Agency	Asian Development Bank



Project Outline

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently announced a \$950,000 procurement of consulting services under the ADB Technical Assistance (TA) grant program.

Technical Description

The purpose of the TA is to review the energy sector and prepare a comprehensive gas sector development plan that will guide and promote the development of Afghanistan's gas infrastructure over the next ten years. The key activities of the TA will include assessment of the potential for increased utilization of natural gas, identification and prioritization of major gas infrastructure development projects, assessment of economic and environmental benefits, and identification of changes to the existing laws, rules, and policies to facilitate efficient development of the sector.

Project Site

Due to the nature of the project, the Ministry of Mines and Industries based in Kabul will be the government counterpart for the study.

Project Status/Timeline

ADB approved the project on March 18, 2003. Recruitment of consultants is expected to take place before the end of the third quarter of 2003.

Equipment and Services

About 22 person-months of international consulting services will be required. These consultants should have experience in energy policy analysis, gas infrastructure planning, assessment of natural gas utilization potential, energy economics, and natural gas production, transmission, and distribution.

U.S. Competitiveness

U.S. firms should be extremely competitive for consulting services with ADB. The U.S. is one of the largest contributors to the ADB and there are numerous U.S. firms implementing ADB TA contracts. Firms with regional experience or prior Afghan experience will be very attractive for this opportunity.

Project Financing

ADB will finance this technical assistance grant of \$950,000 under project number AFG 36289-01.

Conclusion

The Asian Development Bank selects a consultant for a Technical Assistance grant based on its prior Expression of Interest (EOI). An EOI can be transmitted on-line through the ADB's Web site (www.adb.org); it will be acknowledged automatically. Firms may opt to send a hardcopy follow-up EOI addressed to Mr. S. Thuraisingham, Director, Consulting Services Division, with a copy to the ADB Project Officer. The EOI should relate a firm's

experience and expertise to the ADB project. It is important for a U.S. firm to emphasize its similar project experience in the country or in a similar geographic area rather than presenting a general profile of its consulting activities. A separate EOI should be submitted for each project. The project name indicated in the EOI should exactly match that listed in the ADB Business Opportunities publication to avoid confusion.

To be considered for employment, consultants must register on the ADB's DACON (data on consulting firms) and DICON (data on individual consultants) systems, otherwise, their EOIs will not be accepted. DACON and DICON registration can now be done on-line at www.adb.org/consulting.

U.S. firms may also send a notification copy of their EOIs to the U.S. Commercial Liaison Office for the ADB:

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This office works closely with the Office of the U.S. Executive Director to the ADB to increase American awareness of, and participation in, the ADB's activities. For more information on this project, the name of the ADB Project Officer is indicated below. The U.S. Commercial Liaison Office is ready to provide assistance to U.S. firms upon request.

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